

## I. CHRONOLOGY: COMMENTS FROM INFORMATION BOARD: (2)

- The community has been made aware of the playground issue for two years. It's about time to make a decision. This should not be a surprise to anyone who is moderately informed. It's been publicized on LL, newsletters, community events.
- We have been super well informed all along. Thanks

## II. OUTREACH: COMMENTS FROM INFORMATION BOARD (6)

### General Comments: Positive

- The amount raised so far clearly articulates the vast community support even before a decision has been made.
- All initiatives should have a group as passionate and well organized as BAFAPA has been.
- Community outreach has been great! From lakelink to newsletters to being at every community event, you would have to live under a rock not to be aware of this.
- There has been lots of great outreach. All the way back to the initial survey.
- BAFAPA has done a great job informing the community and asking and receiving community input.
- BAFAPA has been wonderfully active, kind, and added new energy to Barcroft. Very glad to see them.

## III. FUNDING: COMMENTS FROM INFORMATION BOARD (16)

### General comments- Positive

- Thank you to all of the generous donors to date and those to come!
- BAFAPA has done (sic) awesome job fundraising & I am sure will raise more. Our LBA has funds for funds for maintenance which should be minimal.
- Self-funded. What's not to love?!. Yes playground.
- BAFAPA is raising funds. What is the problem?
- I'm really impressed with the organization and fundraising of BAFAPA. I believe this is more money than was raised for the turf field. Just think what these parents can do for our community in the future!
- Support playground. BAFAPA has done a lot of upfront work on initiating a fundraising campaign and researching options for equipment. This is a reasonable, viable initiative that benefits the neighborhood. We should support the effort and allocate funds towards it.
- Great job on fundraising! If BAFAPA has raised the funds to build, let's do it. The board already manages annual funds for other LBA assets (bridge, gazebo, boat racks). These assets aren't used for/by everyone. Non-boat owners pay for boat racks. So, not wild to ask non-playground supporters to help with playground maintenance fees.

### Benefits of the playground

- Home values from a Realtor. The exact home in Lake Bancroft, vs across the street, adds about a 10-15% (sic). So an average non-lakefront home jumps from \$600K to \$700 K. Community amenities directly affect home values. Solely based on any realtor experience, I think the nearby 100 homes should experience a 1% home value increase. 100X \$7,000 is \$700,000. Based on a \$35,000 investment, this would realize a 20X return on investment. Note the other 300 houses will likely still include a photo of the playground in their home for sale listings, thus driving more buyers and higher values. (Frankly Realtors)
- How can you put a price on the investment in the future of LB youth? Is \$\$ really the issue here? Or is it an excuse not to?

### General comments- Negative

- A playground will be a fancy and expensive new "toy" for kids and parents that will soon become unused and merely a source of expense for our community.

## **High Cost of New Playground**

- Most new playgrounds in Arlington and Fairfax County cost \$1 million or more
- Given the elaborate equipment the proponents are suggesting, this project will be extremely expensive to everyone to purchase and install. Fix the current equipment and mothball this whole idea.
- What's the budget for playground equipment maintenance? How much will the budget for added security during hours and months when there are no lifeguards? How much will LBA annual dues be raised to pay for: maintenance? Added security? Increased liability?
- Cost sharing is Admirable, but total costs to LBA are as yet unknown. What are the opportunity costs of this venture?

## **Source of funds**

- No to playground. Why were non-resident homeowners asked to contribute and why was \$\$\$ accepted from them? Non-residents cannot frequent playground/public LB project unless a LB resident is present!
- If the board approves the playground, it should provide funds that match or supplement the efforts of BAFAPA.

## **IV. FAQs: COMMENTS FROM INFORMATION BOARD (3)**

### **On security: sees no problems**

- As with any LBA area, there can be sign posts about private property & LBA residents only.
- I love the idea of updating our playground. I think appropriate signage and self policing as we do at other common areas will help avoid trespassing.

### **On Security. Sees problems**

- It is proposed that it will not be a public playground. How will this be implemented so as not to become an “attractive nuisance” for transient visitors and non-lake residents?

## **V. Requests for Proposals: Comments from Information Board (1)**

- Are the responses to the RFI available for review?